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27th. Went to Job Davis's. Hen Hopper and I appraised a stray steer, \$15.00, and help them start for Birmingham with said steer. Home and grub.

28th. T. Wells's and to Carter bottom. P. M., home and grub.

29th. Grub.

30th. Sunday. To Job's. He and I to Carter bottom. Bill Davis came and said somebody wanted to see us both. Came home, David Siveter here. Then he and I went to Carter bottom, to Watson's sugar camp and cut sugar. David went home.

31st. Help Job Davis mark his calves, and then grub.

Apr. 1, 1862. Hunt kill 2 ducks rainy, and drew off 1 of said ducks.

2nd. Rain very hard, portrayed said wood duck. R. Wells here. Heifer Pink, very sick. Went to Job Davis' and to A. Simons', then went to H. S. Sneath's and he came home with me and doctored said heifer, then went to Carter bottom hunting cows, they having stayed out all night. Found them, shot 1 duck, discovered Jude a yearling heifer sick and worked some on pasture fence west of home.

4th. Went to Creek and got some butternut bark stewed up and gave said heifer the decoction. Work on said fence. Jude died, skin her and went fishing, caught a good mess in dip net first time this spring.

5th. Went to Sneath's and got milk for a calf. Fix collar and put bell on Nip colt and led her far side of the field, work a little on fence and L. Wells and I went fishing, caught some, and to Carter bottom hunting cows.

6th. Sunday. To meeting at Rock House then to Roberts' Mill. Saw Harvey Shiler, U. B., baptize Isaac Conley, George Stanley, Jacob Combres, William Hildoo, Sen., Jane Stanley and Penina Stanley. Home. Jim Sneath here. I hunted cows.

7th. Rain, I cut out and sewed on my tick pants.

8th. Sew some and L. Wells and I went fishing. Fence some. Hunt cows every eve.

9th. Laid up said fence and grub.

10th. Grub. T. Savage came here and we hunted. Pink calf died, I skinned it. Sick sheep died, pick wool off it. Also Pink cow died.

11th. Skinned her, and T. & I hunt cows, &c.

12th. Rainy. Fishing, catch a mess. P. M. made a ———, hunt cows.

13th. Sunday. Painted aspen branch. Made black cap sparrow. Hunt some.

14th. Rain. Grub and fish.

15th. Thomas Savage went home. L. Wells and I fished. Made new headblock for dip net. Hunted cows. Rain.

16th. Rain. Fishing. Chopped off poles in clearing.

17th. Rain. Filed my saw, and began a small churn dasher at R.'s mill. Went to creek with boys and then hunted cows.

18th. Went to Daniel Barger's to see about school meeting, and to Wm. Masterson's. Got a shoulder of pork, 12½ lbs. Hunted cows.

19th. Split 38 rails and chop some wood. Hunt cows.

20th. Sunday. Wm. Barger here. H. Sneath and wife here. Wm. and I took a ramble. I hunt cows.

21st. Fix up lye gum, and to Job Davis'. Took borrowed salt home, and carry my plow home. Then grub and shell corn and take it to mill. Catch a mess of fish, and hunt cows.

22nd. Grub, went to mill, and hunt cows.

23rd. Set out 4 small butternut trees, grub some and hunt cows.

24th. Grub and hunt cows.

25th. Went to Salem, traded some, went to Dr. Siveter's and sewed and stayed all night.

26th. Sewed till noon, then went to Uncle William's, and then home.

27th. Sunday. R Wells here. We went to Carter bottom and I shot a white swan; weight 11¼ lbs., length, 50 in., alar extension, 81 in. Hunt cows north side of creek.

28th. Anna went to Sneath's. Got some onions. I dug garden and hoop a bucket.

29th. Went to Simons' and borrowed shears. Sheared 1 sheep, and grub.

30th. Spade garden, grub, and fish, catch mess.

May 1, 1862. Help James Wright fix his house, then grub and hunt cows.

2nd. Grub and hunt cows.

3rd. Grub and burn brush. Shot 2 big fish with bow, and caught some.

4th. Sunday. Set 2 bar posts, and went to creek and shot 2 fish with bow. Samuel Siveter here. Gave him one of them. Hunt cows.

5th. Went to mill. Got some corn ground, then to Simon's after shears. Shear 6 sheep, and grub.

6th. Grubbed, and went to creek at noon. Hunt cows. Could not find old cow.

7th. Hunt old cow. Found her mired down in a branch near my north east corner. Went to I. Conley's. He and James Wright and I pulled her out. I washed and worked with her all day.

8th. Chopped and carry poles and made a pen around her and attend to her three times a day. Grub and hunt cows.

9th. Attend to cow and grub, and hunt cows.

- 10th. Chop off poles and attend cow.
- 11th. Sunday. Attend cow and got to creek fishing. R. Wells and Wm. Barger there. I found arrow head.
- 12th. Attended cow, and to Weaver's and got picplant. Shelled corn and took it to mill. Anna and I went down to the cow and drove her slowly home and put her in field. Rose had a heifer calf, Line Buck. Went back and got my spade and grub hoe, and found a skillet in creek.
- 13th. Grub and pile brush. P. M., cleaned out cellar. Went to creek and got butternut bark. Hunted cows.
- 14th. Old Julia had a bull calf, Turk. I grub.
- 15th. Grub old brush fence and burn the brush.
- 16th. Planted corn for I. Conley.
- 17th. A. M., plant corn for Isaac [Conley]. P. M., rain. Fished. Shot 2 large ones with bow.
- 18th. Sunday. Walter and I started for Uncle William's. Creek too high. Fished and came home.
- 19th. Had I. Conley and oxen and we laid off my ground, then I plowed alone.
- 20th. Plowed with oxen, also the 21st.
- 22nd. Shelled corn and took it to mill with Conley's mare, Tib, then marked off one way with her.
- 23rd. I commenced planting my corn.
- 24th. Planted corn, and L. and R. Wells and Job Davis and I went fishing. Caught 9.
- 25th. Sunday. To meeting. H. Shiles preached. To mill and saw 2 Coltrane girls and Bate Hufvine and Amelia Knowles, baptized. P. M., Esq. and wife here. I commenced writing an article for teacher.
- 26th. Planting corn and cane.
- 27th. Finish said cane, and help Conley hunt his Jim ox, then grub and fix brush fence north.
- 28th. Had Conley's oxen and plowed my new ground and harrowed it twice. Broke my plow lay.
- 29th. Grub and mark out my new piece and plant some.
- 30th. Finish planting my corn. Went seining. Caught some. Pick wool, and went to Wells's.
- 31st. Shell corn and went to mill. Dip a good mess of fish. Rain. Went to A. Martins and got 182 sweet potato plants, 25 cts., and set most of them out.
- June 1, 1862. Sunday. Finished setting out plants, and Walter and I went to Uncle William's. I stayed all night, and he is to stay all week.
- 2nd. Came home in evening.
- 3rd. Went to Bonaparte with O. M. Wells. Took our wool back at night.
- 4th. Dig cut worms out of sweet potatoes, and stick peas, and grub and chop sprouts of stumps. Went to school P. M., then split rails and chop wood.
- 5th. Made bars and fix fence in cow yard. Went to I. Conley's and got some cabbage plants, dug ground and help set them out.

6th. A. M., work on road. P. M., attend special meeting of School Board. They authorized Thomas Elbert of subdistrict No. 6 to hire a teacher for District No. 3 contrary to desire of subdirector of No. 3.

7th. Work on road from McCreadie's nearly to Rock Creek.

8th. Sunday. Went to Uncle William's and Walter and I came home in afternoon.

9th. Went to Hillsboro, sold  $8\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. butter, 5 cts., to I. B. A., then clear away brush fence and make pole fence at southeast by branch.

10th. Fix my boots and made some pole fence northeast corner of pasture.

11th. Grub buckwheat patch.

12th. Uncover corn for I. Conley after the roller.

13th. To Wells's and shell corn and take it to mill.

14th. Went to Mount Pleasant with O. M. Wells. Took my gun to be repaired.

15th. Sunday. Service berry day, the largest and most plentiful I ever saw. P. M., to meeting at Rock House, feet washing, &c.

16th. To Watson's mill. Bought 28 feet elm lumber and made 2 bee hives. Rain, heavy and thunder and hail.

17th. Split 19 rails by branch, and hoed some corn.

18th. Hoed some corn, grub and pick nearly a tin pail full of service berries.

19th. Grub and fix brush fence around pasture. Shot a weasel by said fence, then hoed some in new piece.

20th. Hoeing corn.

21st. Went to I. Conley's shop. He made me a screw driver and a knife. Then home. George Morris came here. He paid me \$3.00. He and I went service berrying, then I fixed the table hinges.

22nd. Sunday. R. Wells and I went to creek. Met Hen Hopper, T. Clark, and others. Ruf went to get scine and we caught some fish.

23rd. Bees swarmed, I went to mill and to Wm. Masterson's. Bought 8 bushels corn, 15 cts. per bushel. Pick strawberries and hoed corn.

24th. James Wright started for Jabez Ruby's. He not at home, then we stopped at Masterson's and got my 8 bushels corn, then shelled some and took it to mill. Got it ground, and hoed corn.

25th. Rain. Went to Wells's and from there to Sneath's.

26th. Braid and sew some on my straw hat. Went to mill, caught a mess of fish. Saw the forebay was washed from the mill.

27th. Bees swarmed. Went to Salem with James Wright. Took my cow hides and Sneath's hides. Got 8 cts. per lb., for mine and 9 for his. Then home in the rain.

28th. Grub buchwheat patch.

29th. Sunday. Anna and boys went to Job's. L. and R. Wells and I. S. and I went to creek to get service berries and swim.

30th. Hoe corn, and cut out pair pants for Ben Weaver.

July 1, 1862. Had Thaddeus Stevens' blind horse Selim to plow corn to pay for Ben's pants.

- 2nd.* Had same horse to plow corn.
- 3rd.* Made pair pants for Wm. Masterson, \$1.00.
- 4th.* Leon Wells and I hunt and swim. I shot 1 crow, 2 ducks and 1 common partridge. Leon shot 1 rabbit and 1 duck. Anna and boys went to Wells's.
- 5th.* Plow corn.
- 6th.* Sunday. Very hot. Third swarm of bees came out. I made hive and hived them. Then Lee and R. Wells &c went to mill and to swim.
- 7th.* Plow corn. In evening it rained, thunder very hard.
- 8th.* Finish my straw hat, and cut a pair pants for L. and R. Wells. Cut out Dr. Siveter's vest, partly. Rain.
- 9th.* Went to Wells's. Help Mrs. sew on said pants. Rain all day.
- 10th.* Commenced a hat for John and went to creek, then went in search of a cradle. Borrowed O. M. Wells's and cut my wheat. Bound and set it up. Eleven dozen and 3 sheaves.
- 11th.* Went on prairie and harvest for Alexander Morris, fall wheat.
- 12th.* One half day for same. Afternoon went to Esq. Hildebrand's as a witness. Jacob Easter sued Hen Morris & Co. for trespass on schoolhouse No. 3 in the name of the District Township. Easter unsuited.
- 13th.* Sunday. Took Thad Clark's horse home, and swim. P. M., we went to James Wright's.
- 14th.* Had James Wright's oxen and wagon and hauled 1 load wood. Moved weeds in stubble and went to Wm. Masterson's and got 22½ lbs. flour. Staked some of east fence.
- 15th.* O. M. Wells and I started for Elias Barger's to get 3 spin wheels. Went through Glasgow, from thence to Parsonsville [near present railroad station of Beckwith, 6 miles east of Fairfield], and from thence to Salina [some 3 miles northeast of Parsonsville], and then 2½ miles northwest to the rich woods to E. Barger's. Wheels not finished and we concluded to wait for them. Went to F. James's and stayed all night.
- 16th.* Back to Barger's, wheel not quite done, stayed till 3 o'clock, then started home with said wheels, \$3.00 each. Drove back as far as Thad Clark's and it being very dark and rainy we stayed all night.
- 17th.* Came home. Rainy. We all went to Sneath's on a visit. Thomas Siveter here.
- 18th.* Syphers came here and complained of school teacher, V. Shelton. Then we went to Mathew Harlan and got advice concerning said teacher, then went and consulted the majority of the district's inhabitants and they said dismiss her. Then went home and wrote out two notices for her to discontinue teaching, gave one to her and kept one myself. Tom and I went to creek.
- 19th.* Commenced sewing Walter's hat.
- 20th.* Sunday. Went part way home with Thomas, then home and to swim, and to Wells's.

- 21st. Went to Salem to harvest for Dr. Siveter. David came with buggy. Commenced cutting wheat with machine.
- 22nd. Cutting and binding on said wheat.
- 23rd. Samuel, David and I went and hauled hay for Wm. Crew.
- 24th. Finished said wheat.
- 25th. Cradling and binding oats.
- 26th. Cradling oats for Dr. and came home.
- 27th. Sunday. To creek and swim and to Wells's. Widow Knowles died.
- 28th. Back to Salem and helped make a peice of fence, and then bound oats.
- 29th. Bound oats and mowed grass.
- 30th. Worked in orchard and fixed garden fence.
- 31st. Fixed fence and mowed grass to put on stacks.
- August 1, 1862. Work in orchard.
- 2nd. Work in orchard and haul brush out of it and put it in a ditch by the roadside. Went to Uncle William's and stay all night.
- 3rd. Sunday. Stay till afternoon, then come home. Thomas W. Savage starts for the army tomorrow.
- 4th. To Wells's, then home and shell corn.
- 5th. O. M. Wells and I went to Salem mill and got our corn ground. Came home by Uncle William's and got my gun. Cost \$2.75 repairing.
- 6th. Mowed weeds in fence corners and sew on Sam's hat, and commenced making yokes for calves.
- 7th. Put said yoke on and mark said calves. Sew on Dr. Siveter's vest. Tom Siveter here. We went to creek and swam and then went to Salem.
- 8th. Hauled oats and cocked hungarian hay. My steer calf died. Rain.
- 9th. Came home. Shot 1 common partridge. Set some apple buds, and went to Wells's. R. and I had a swim.
- 10th. Sunday. Wm. Barger and Samuel Davis came here. We went to John Watson's and dug yellow root, and swam.
- 11th. Went up on prairie to see I. Easter, and to Hopper's and got my rolls.
- 12th. To Salem. We hauled oats and some hungarian.
- 13th. Hauled said hungarian, but 2 loads.
- 14th. Hauled it and I cradled hungarian for seed, and fix fence, and haul 1 load of hay.
- 16th. Came home. Found Indian ax. Then to R. Wells and I swim and hunt cows.
- 17th. Sunday. Hunt some and swim.
- 18th. Went to James Wright's after his oxen. Could not catch one, then J. Wright here and made some salve to put on my sore ankle.
- 19th. Had said oxen and hauled 2 loads wood, and sewed on Dr.'s vest.
- 20th. Sew on said vest. Sold yearling heifer to John Watson, \$5.00 in lumber.

21st. Kill said beef, and finish said vest. Mend my wammus. Hunt cows.

22nd. To McCreadie's field hunting.

23rd. Went to J. R. Davidson's. Special board meeting. They voted me out of office for want of citizenship. Hunt some. Kill 1 fox squirrel.

24th. Sunday. At home. Afternoon watched McCreadie's field. At 4 o'clock shot an old gob turkey mortally wounding him. Set Giberson's dogs after him. Think they caught and devoured him.

25th. Went to Wells's. Took a notice to him, then prepare for threshing. Made a flail and fork handle, and thresh some wheat.

26th. Thresh some. Rainy.

27th. Anna sick. Got oak bark. Shot 1 grey squirrel. Thresh some.

28th. Thresh some.

29th. Work on road some from Rock Creek north.

30th. Work road, 33 cts. for J. Wright. P. M., at Daniel Barger's Wm. and I shot at a mark.

31st. Sunday. To Wells's and hunt cows. Shoot 1 turkey at roost.

September 1, 1862. Hunt. Kill 1 turkey. Clean gun and went to Conley's to see if I could have the oxen.

2nd. Wrote in book, and P. M., threshed some.

3rd. Finished threshing and winnow some in the wind.

4th. Hunted oxen, and then took my wheat to Wells's and Lee helped me fan it. Fix to go to mill.

5th. Rain. Did not go. Took oxen home, and [with] R. Wells hunt. Shot 1 gray squirrel. Hunt cows.

6th. Rain. Hunt cattle. L. Wells here. He and I hunted. Shot 1 fox squirrel.

7th. Sunday. Put poker on old cow to make her drive better. L. and R. Wells, Jo Runyon and I dug in an Indian grave. Found nothing but bones. I shot 1 turkey and 1 fox squirrel.

8th. Had the oxen. Anna and the boys and I went to Salem mill and to Dr. Siveter's and back at night.

9th. Went to I. Conley's, stayed most of the day. Sewed on Dr. Siveter's pants.

10th. Sewing on said pants, and pick nuts.

11th. Finished said pants, 3 pairs. Look around Wright's field and hunt cows. At night Job Davis came after Anne, his wife being sick, had a son about daylight.

12th. Anna came home at 11 o'clock, then I went and told Giberson about the cattle getting in his field, then hunt north of Coburn's and Frame's. Shot 2 gray squirrels and 1 fox squirrel, and to Conley's:

13th. Had oxen and Anna and the boys and I went to Uncle William's and stayed all night.

14th. Sunday. Stayed till afternoon, then came home.

15th. Hunt cows. Tie up corn to dry. Dr. Siveter came and brought a coat for me to fix. Fixed it while he stayed. Rain. Hunt cows.

16th. Help J. Wright hunt his cows. No find. Shot 1 gray and 1 fox squirrel. Rain. Tie up more corn to grind.

- 17th. Rainy. Mend pair pants for Mack Davis. Hunt cows.
- 18th. Hunt cows, and then went to Daniel Barger's and help them thresh.
- 19th. Threshing for Daniel Barger. Take rye for pay.
- 20th. Commenced cutting up my corn. Set 3 shocks. Hunt cattle.
- 21st. Sunday. Samuel Davis here. We hunted. I killed 3 squirrels and he 3. We smoked out a ground hog.
- 22nd. Walter and I cut corn. set 5 shocks
- 23rd. Cut corn, set 4 shocks.
- 24th. A. M., help O. M. Wells thresh. Take pay in work. P.M., cut corn, set 2 shocks.
- 25th. First frost I saw. Cut corn, set 5 shocks, and pick seed corn.
- 26th. Cut corn. Lee Wells helps me half a day. Set 5 shocks, cut more.
- 27th. Cut corn, set 3 shocks. John A. [Savage] sick.
- 28th. Sunday. Hunt some. Kill 1 fox squirrel and 2 grays, 1 hawk and 1 turkey. Hunt cows.
- 29th. Hunt cows. Cut corn, set 4 shocks.
- 30th. Mend on Mack's coat. Cut some corn, set 1 shock, and to Wells's to borrow corn meal, 23¼ lbs.
- October 1, 1862. Rainy. To Conley's. R. Wells here. He and I hunted. I cut some corn down.
- 2nd. To Conley's. Had his oxen and hauled 2 loads of wood. Cut corn and set 4 shocks.
- 3rd. Hoop washtub, and cut corn. Set 5 shocks. Rain at night.
- 4th. Cut corn, set 4 shocks.
- 5th. Sunday. Pick and pile butternuts. Shot 1 duck and 1 fox squirrel.
- 6th. Cut corn for Isaac Conley.
- 7th. A. M., cut corn for Conley. P. M., wind blew too hard, went to timber with him, then cut corn at home.
- 8th. Rainy. Mend Mack's coat and hunt.
- 9th. Cut corn at home. Set 6 long shocks and 1 round one.
- 10th. Cut corn. Set 4 long and 4 round shocks.
- 11th. Cut corn and set 12 round shocks, and went to I. Conley's at night.
- 12th. Sunday. Had Conley's oxen and went to Carter bottom and got *great heap* of butternuts.
- 13th. Chopped wood for I. Conley and set 1 round shock corn.
- 14th. Shot 1 prairie chicken. Cut corn and set 8 round shocks and 1 (round) long. Cut it all down.
- 15th. Shot 1 duck. Finished my corn. Set 2 round and 1 long shocks and left 1 down for old cow, making in all 82 shocks. Shell corn. Hunt cows. Kill 1 turkey, 9½ lbs. Took corn to Conley's.
- 16th. Shot 2 prairie chickens, and strip on my cane. Sat up with Wells's boys boiling sorgho at night.
- 17th. Strip cane and cut Mack Davis pants out. Hunt cows. Shot 1 fox squirrel, 1 duck, and 1 turkey, 8½ lbs.

18th. Went to I. Conley's and got my corn meal, and to J. Wrights. Then strip cane. Hunt cows.

19th. Sunday. L and R. Wells and Wm. Barger and I went on Cedar Creek. I got 31 small cedar trees, and they more.

20th. Set out said trees and went to I. Conley's. Then strip and cut up some of my cane. Then went to woods with him and got a load of wood, then hauled a load of my cane to his house.

21st. Haul 4 loads cane and 1 load wood, and strip some cane.

22nd. Finish stripping and cutting my cane, and chopped 2 loads of wood.

23rd. Haul 2 loads wood and 3 of cane.

24th. Haul 1 load of cane, finish, and I load wood home. Went to Conley's woods with him and got 1 load of wood.

25th. Hunt cows. Put corn [cane?] blades in corn shocks, and went to Conley's and got a bucketful of molasses. Saw turkeys in Brothers' field. Went back and shot 1, 9 lbs., and shot and lost 2 more. (Found one of them afterwards.) Also shot 1 prairie chicken.

26th. Sunday. Pick hickory nuts. Thomas Siveter here. Went part way home with him, and hunt cows.

27th. Went part way to Conley's and met J. Wright. Came back with him, then husk corn and shell some. Then went with Wright to Conley's. Took his oxen and went to Barger's and got 4 bushels rye  
Boil at night.

28th. Had J. Wright's oxen and wagon and went to Salem mill.

29th. Dig potatoes, rot very bad.

30th. Dig potatoes. Finish at noon, then put them and carrots and cabbage in cellar.

31st. J. Wright and I got our molasses. I had 25½ gals. Then I haul 1 load, and hoop mull barrel.

November 1, 1862. Hoop wash tub and bucket, and went to Carter bottom. Commence cutting out a coat for Alex Martin. L. Wells and I hunted for turkey roost.

2nd. Sunday. First snow. Hunted cows, and prospect for sign. T. Siveter here. Hunt with him. Shot 4 squirrels.

3rd. Sew on Mack Davis' coat.

4th. Sew on said coat, and mend Dr. Siveter's pants. Went to H. Brothers' and to Stanley's.

5th. To Brothers' and to Boley's to see about buying for T. S., and then went to Salem. Sold 5¾ lb. butter, 10 cts. Went to Samuel and Dr. Siveter's and stay all night.

6th. Sewing for Dr. Siveter.

7th. Sew some, and came home and brought a coat to make for Sam. Sew some on Mack's coat.

8th. Sew on said coat, and had Wright's oxen and haul 1 load wood.

9th. Sunday. Finish said coat. David Siveter here. P. M., I hunted. Shot 1 mink in Rock Creek.

10th. Sew on coat for Samuel Siveter,

11th. The same.

*12th.* The Same. Thomas Siveter here. Went to J. Wright's with him about buying his south 40.

*13th.* Samuel Siveter here. I finished his coat and he took it home, then I chopped some wood.

*14th.* Had Wright's oxen and hauled 2 loads of wood, then husked corn. David Siveter here. He and I hunted and kill 1 duck each.

*15th.* We hunted. David killed 5 ducks and 2 quails. I shot 4 ducks.

*16th.* Sunday. David and I went to Sneath's. Rainy. David shot 1 quail.

*17th.* Got my buck sheep home. Went part way home with David. Stopped at Wells's and borrowed trowel, then daub on house.

*18th.* Daub house. Rainy.

*19th.* Cut ax handle stick. Went to Conley's and borrowed his kettle, went to Boley's field, then home. Fix to kill a hog.

*20th.* J. Wright helped me kill a big hog. I not well. P. M., cut up said hog.

*21st.*.....To Conley's. Finish said handle and put it in and chop some wood back of schoolhouse.

*22nd.* Had Conley's oxen and hauled 1 load wood. Afternoon, hunt.

*23rd.* Sunday. Went to Uncle William's. Stay all night.

*24th.* Came home. Went to J. Wright's.

*25th.* Chop and split some logs for a stable and went to J. Watson's.

*26th.* To I. Conley's. Help raise F. M. Thornton's house (U. B. preacher), then had oxen and haul 1 load wood. Split 2 stable logs, and kill a possum. Brought wedges home.

*27th.* Help John Watson saw in the mill, 50 cts. per day.

*28th.* Had Conley's oxen and haul said logs up in the yard.

*29th.* Commenced said stable.

*30th.* Sunday. Hunted south.

*December 1, 1862.* Hunted cows. Work on said stable. Sick sheep died. I pick wool off it. Had Conley's oxen and haul 1 load wood.

*2nd.* Help John Watson saw.

*3rd.* The same, and half the night.

*4th.* The same. Received \$1.25.

*5th.* Hunted cows. Carry rails and fix brush fence west side of field. Then to Thomas Siveter's timber and chopped some wood. To J. Wright's and hunt one of his oxen. Had them and hauled 1 load of wood and 1 of rails.

*6th.* Put boards up in the loft. Hunt cows.

*7th.* Sunday. Fix Anna's shoes. R. Wells here and we went to mill pond skating. Then R. and I hunted north side creek.

*8th.* Went to Conley's. Gave him \$4.25 to buy some lath for me. Went to H. Sneath's and took some lard. Home and wrote a letter for them to Jim. Coming home I shot a turkey at roost, weighed 20 lbs.

*9th.* Went to Wm. B. Taylor's and gave him 3 squirrel skins for fine shot. Hunted some and came home by Hopper's. Mrs. H. not at home, so we did not settle accounts.

10th. Went to James Wright's, had his oxen and wagon and hauled 2 loads wood. Made a broom. Went to creek to look for sign.

11th. Carry fodder, and went to Salem. Sold 12 lbs. butter, 12½ cts., then to Samuel's and Dr. Siveter's. David and I hunted on big valley. No kill. Traded some and stayed all night at Dr.'s.

12th. Rainy. Came home.

13th. Husk corn, carry fodder and put it on cow shed. To creek and set 4 steel traps for mink. Trap 5 quails.

14th. Sunday. Hunt cows. Went to John Watson's with Dr.'s account, then trap. Shot at a mink on the other side of creek. Went around and dug it out of bank, but it went in another hole. Then home. Rainy. T. Siveter here.

15th. Went and dug where said mink went in. Did not find it, then blazed trees on Tom's land east. Made pen for little pigs and put 4 in.

16th. Went to J. Watson's and chopped some wood he gave me.

17th. The same. Set traps.

18th. A. M., chop some wood. P. M., to James Wright's after oxen; did not get them. Brought sow pig home and put in pen. I traded one boar pig to him for it. Went to protracted meeting.

19th. Caught muskrat. Had said oxen and hauled 2 loads wood from J. Watson's. Took oxen home, then clean stove.

20th. Chop wood. Fix to go to Uncle William's.

21st. Sunday. Went to Uncle William's and back at night.

22nd. Saw in mill for John Watson.

23rd. The same for ¾ of day. Rainy. Bring traps home. Protracted meeting, U. B., in Rock house.

24th. Help O. M. Wells put up his log crib.

25th. Christmas. Rainy. At home all day sick. Dullest Christmas I ever saw.

26th. Cut coat for Jabez Ruby, 30 cts., chd. Bennett's cattle got in my field. Dogged them out and fixed the fence. Then to Sneath's and borrow pair lasts, No. X.

27th. Took said lasts to I. Conley. Then came home and shelled corn.

28th. Sunday. Hunt for sign, &c., east.

29th. James Wright and Jonah D. Rudisil and I hunted with hounds. Kill 2 foxes, grey, and 2 squirrels, then home and to Sneath's. Wrote letter for them and brought Snipicious colt home.

30th. Had Wright's oxen and went to Salem mill. Traded some and then home.

31st. To Sneath's. Bought 2 lbs., 10 ozs. sole leather for 95 cts. Home by creek.

January 1, 1863. New Year. To Carter bottom, set 2 steel traps and hunted, kill 2 fox squirrels and 1 turkey.

2nd. Hunting cows and to trap.

3rd. To trap and hunt with J. D. Rudisil.

4th. Sunday. To trap and hunt some.

5th. To I. Conley's to help him sew on my boots, he not at home I went and watch Jo' Runyon's field, then home and covered Nip's shed.

- 6th. Help H. Sneath kill a cow.
- 7th. To Sneath's and wrote a letter for them to Jim, then home and had J. Wright's oxen and haul 2 loads wood.
- 8th. To Conley's and help kill 6 hogs.
- 9th. To Conley's, brought part of my boots home and sewed on them and made pegs.
- 10th. Made pegs. Took to I. Conley's shop 1 awl. Home and feed.
- 11th. Sunday. R Wells and David Siveter here. We went to Tom's rail patch. David went home, and R. and I went to Wells' and to protracted meeting.
- 12th. Fix cover on hen house and dress S. skins, then to Conley's and he finished my boots.
- 13th. To Conley's. Weaver's timber sold for 69.20. Mrs. Weaver bought it. Got my leather and Jim. S's. lasts, and to Roberts' Mill.
- 14th. Went to Wright's, then commenced making Walter's shoes.
- 15th. Making shoes for W. and John.
- 16th. Mending shoes for Seth and Samuel.
- 17th. Help O. M. Wells kill a cow, bought 1 fore  $\frac{1}{4}$  of him, 92 lbs, 3 cts. back and carry head home.
- 18th. Sunday. To Uncle William's and heard that Thomas W. Savage was wounded at the Battle of Prairie Grove, Ark., Dec. 8, 1862, and died in a few days. Home in eve.
- 19th. Had Conley oxen and haul 2 load wood and 2 of fodder.
- 20th. Chopping a fence row in Thos Siveter's brush, 50 cts. per day.
- 21st. The same.
- 22nd. To I. Conley's and then on Rock Creek hunting. P. M., went to Salem with Thos Siveter. Stayed at Dr's all night.
- 23rd. Rain. Sewed some for Dr. and settled up interest and \$10 on principal and gave a new note for \$90. Stayed all night at Sam'l's.
- 24th. Thomas and I came home.
- 25th. Sunday. In house. Put drawers and books to rights and hunt cows. Shot 1 gray squirrel.
- 26th. Help Conley jerk corn.
- 27th. The same.
- 28th. To Wright's, chat John Watson. To I. Conley's and then home and shell corn. Took it to I. Conley's for him to take to mill.
- 29th. Had Wright's oxen and wagon and hauled 2 loads wood, 1 of rails and 2 of fodder.
- 30th. To Sneath's and thrashed out and brought home some hungarian seed, then cut out R. Wells' blanket shirt.
- 31st. Made said shirt at night, Lee and I hunted.
- February 1, 1863. Sunday. L. and I went to Hillsboro protracted meeting. I went to Geo C—— and he to Watson's.
- 2nd. To I. Conley's and got my meal. (Very cold.)
- 3rd. J. Wright came here, left his oxen and I hauled  $5\frac{1}{2}$  shocks fodder.
- 4th. Found 1 lamb dead. Mend Anna's shoe and cut pair pants for I. Conley and little shoes for Mrs. Wells.

5th. To Wells' to borrow  $\frac{3}{4}$  in. auger. Hunt some and then put a new shoe on my sled.

6th. Had Wright's oxen and haul 1 load wood and then chop wood at Watson's.

7th. Went to Roberts' Mill to borrow  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. auger and fixed 2 chairs and to Conley's. Shot 2 common partridges.

8th. Sunday. Hunting.

9th. Cut and sew gratis for Mrs. Wells.

10th. Haul 2 loads wood and 1 of rails.

11th. J. Wright and I killed my 3 hogs (the biggest sow).

12th. Cut up said hogs and hunted, and down to Sneath's.

13th. Fanny had 2 lambs. Hunted and shot 1 common partridge.

14th. J. Wright and I went to Salem Mill. Coming home Little Cedar Creek too high. Made a fire and waited for it to run down, then came home.

15. Sunday. Snow near gone. Hunted, kill 2 gray squirrels.

16th. Saw wild geese. Took Job's kettle home and H. Brothers' knife. Cut out and sew on I. Conley's coat.

17th. Sewing on said coat. Finished it, saw bluebirds, first this spring.

18th. Press it off and to Wright's and to Watson's and chop some wood.

19th. Snow. Cut out 2 pairs pants at Wells'.

20th. Started to mill. Little Cedar very high and we came back.

21st. Chop poles and put brush in a ditch north of field. Shot 1 common partridge.

22nd. Sunday. Hunt some.

23rd. J. Wright and I yoked Bolley and his Dick ox together and haul 2 loads of wood and 2 of fodder, small ones.

24th. J. R. and I went to Salem Mill with Conley's oxen and got our grists.

25th. Saw wild ducks. J. W. and I went to Watson's. Rain. I shot 1 common partridge.

26th. Went to Esther Masterson's funeral, then had Conley's oxen and hauled 1 load wood. (Very muddy.)

27th. Walter and I chopped poles and put brush in ditch, north.

28th. Cut out my wammus suit and tick pants and sew on the former.

March 1, 1863. Sunday. Hunt, kill rabbit and to Wells' sugar camp.

2nd. Took meal to Wells' and lard to Sneath's. Wrote a letter for her to Jim. Watch his field.

3rd. Sam and John sick. Went to Sneath's field and home.

4th. To Conley's, then to Sneath's. Got a pail milk, then home and to Conley's. Had his oxen and haul 1 load wood.

5th. Got ready and went to Salem. Sold  $3\frac{3}{4}$  lb. butter,  $12\frac{1}{2}$  cts. Went to Dr. Siveter's, stayed all night.

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